SUBJECT No. 192.

Malnad allowance and quarters to officials of all Departments.

Messrs. Sidde Gowda, Mudgere Taluk, and Sitharamiah, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—While officers of certain departments as the Revenue, Police, etc., are allowed quarters and given malnad allowance in addition to their pay in malnad, those of certain other departments as the Education, etc., are not allowed these concessions. Considering the costliness and unhealthiness of life in the malnad, these officials may also be provided with quarters and given a local allowance of not less than Rs. 5 per month.

Reply of Government.—Yes, as far as possible. This is a question of funds.

SUBJECT No. 193.

Batta to Amildars.

Messrs. K. Shankarnarayana Rao, Shimoga municipality, and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 194.

Batta to taluk officials.

(*a*) Messrs. Nadig Bhima Rao, Channagiri Taluk; Ranganna, Manjarabad Taluk; Ramaswami Setty and Venkatasubbaiya, Arkalgud Taluk.

(*b*) Messrs. W. Kalasegowda, Mudgere Taluk; B. Sitaramiah, and B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The taluk officials who are required to accompany Amildars outside headquarters within their taluks are not given any allowance for the journeys performed by them and are consequently put to much inconvenience. Considering the high prices of food grains now prevalent, it is necessary that these low paid officials should be granted batta whenever they are required to move out of the head quarters and that no distinction should be made between them and the higher officers in this respect on principle.

(*b*) Travelling allowance, or at least, actual travelling expenses may be given to the taluk officials in the malnad for travelling within the taluks.

Reply of Government.—This is a question of funds. Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 195.

Amildars to refund value of stamp paper.

Mr. Adevappa, Chitaldrug Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In practice it is found difficult to present applications to the Deputy Commissioner for refund of the value of unused or spoiled stamp paper. Amildars may, therefore, be empowered to deal with such applications in accordance with the Stamp Regulation.

Reply of Government.—Orders will be passed allowing petitions for refund addressed to Deputy Commissioners being received by Amildars, when presented to them within six months of the date of purchase.

SUBJECT No. 196.

Stamp purchaser's acknowledgment and object.

(*a*) Mr. S. Ramanna, Hassan Municipality.

(*b*) Messrs. Hanumegowda, Venkatarayappa, Sidlaghatta Taluk and B. Kesavaiya, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(*c*) Mr. C. Krishna Murti, Law Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) In the register to be maintained by stamp vendors a column may be opened to obtain the signature of the purchaser of stamp papers. This will go a great way to prevent the creation of false and fabricated documents.

(*b*) Stamp vendors may be directed to take the signature or thumb-impression of stamp purchasers for prevention of fraud and forgery.

(c) The stamp vendor to note in his sale register as also with the endorsement of sale on the back of the papers the object for which the paper is purchased.

Reply of Government.—(a) and (b) The suggestions are impracticable. They will only lead to complications and difficulties in selling stamps.

(c) *Withdrawn.*

SUBJECT No. 197.

One-anna stamp paper.

Mr. C. Krishna Murti, Law Association Bangalore.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 198.

Sale of stamps of higher value by vendors.

Mr. Surasastri, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Stamp vendors may be allowed to sell stamp papers of higher values of Rs. 50 and above.

Reply of Government.—No difficulty is experienced in purchasing court-fee stamps of higher values. There is therefore no need for changing the rules.

SUBJECT No. 199.

Abolition of three-pie paper.

Mr. Rajagopal Iengar, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It may be left to the people to use for official purposes sufficiently durable and thick paper of uniform size which they can secure at cheaper cost than the three-pie paper, as in other parts of British India.

Messrs. Gundappa, Surasastri and Krishnachar who also spoke on the subject prayed for the abolition of the three-pie paper or, as an alternative, for a reduction in the price.

Reply of Government.—The paper is prescribed for the proper preservation of records and the price charged for it is sufficiently low and cannot be reduced.

SUBJECT No. 200.

Reduction of stamp fee for refund of sale proceeds of impounded cattle.

Mr. Marulasiddappa, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Cattle impounded are sold after 14 days from the date of impounding them if they are not released in time. But when an application is to be made to the taluk office, claiming the animal sold, or the proceeds of the sale, a court-fee stamp of 8 annas is to be affixed. As this is a source of loss, it is prayed that the value of the court-fee stamp may be reduced to one anna.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 201.

Receipts for refunds to be exempted from stamp duty.

Messrs. Chikramanna, Byregowda, Sonnegowda and Dodda Vembralliah, Kolar Taluk.

Withdrawn.